SENATE BILL 3115 By Miller J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to coon dog training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-122(b), is amended by adding the following language as an appropriately designated new subdivision:

() Bradley County. Notwithstanding any provision of Section 70-4-112 to the contrary, it is lawful to train coon dogs from May 1 to the first day of the open season for hunting coons in Bradley County, so long as coons are not taken except during the open season. It is also lawful to conduct "sanctioned coon hunts" in such county during the closed season, so long as coons are not taken during such closed season. For the purposes of this subdivision, "sanctioned coon hunts" means chasing coons for the purpose of "treeing" only. The "sanctioned hunts" shall require the approval of a recognized Kennel Club such as the AKC, UKC, NKC or PKC.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-122(b), is further amended by adding the following language as an appropriately designated new subdivision:

() Meigs County. Notwithstanding any provision of Section 70-4-112 to the contrary, it is lawful to train coon dogs from May 1 to the first day of the open season for hunting coons in Meigs County, so long as coons are not taken except during the open season. It is also lawful to conduct "sanctioned coon hunts" in such county during the closed season, so long as coons are not taken during such closed season. For the purposes of this subdivision, "sanctioned coon hunts" means chasing coons for the purpose of "treeing" only. The

"sanctioned hunts" shall require the approval of a recognized Kennel Club such as the AKC, UKC, NKC or PKC.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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